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Subject: FW: Please revise the Portland Harbor Superfund Cleanup Plan

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From: (b) (6)
Sent: Tuesday, August 30, 2016 12:07 PM
To: HarborComments <HarborComments@epa.gov>
Subject: Please revise the Portland Harbor Superfund Cleanup Plan

Dear Administrator Gina McCarthy,

Protecting the environment and our waterways are issues of the highest priority to me. I urge you to significantly revise the Willamette Superfund Draft Cleanup Plan. The current plan would leave more than 85% of the site contaminated, negatively impacting our community's human health and the health of our wildlife for decades to come. This is unacceptable. More than 140 businesses and other entities are responsible for the pollution and should be held accountable. This is our once in a lifetime chance to clean up the river and make the polluters pay for their actions.

Please improve the plan by doing the following:

1. EPA should select Alternative G with additional dredging in areas of high human use, areas of high ecological value, and areas where there is high risk of recontamination of the river.
2. EPA should set much clearer timelines and metrics for success including setting an explicit date by which Portland Harbor specific fish consumption advisories will be lifted.
3. EPA should select an alternative that allows all members of our community to eat fish safely from our river, including woman of childbearing age and children.
4. EPA's cleanup plan should include the heavily contaminated uplands as well as the heavily contaminated river.
5. EPA should do a much better job of addressing environmental justice issues, including reviewing and correcting significant deficiencies in its public engagement strategies for future phases of the Superfund process and delineating strategies for ensuring the jobs, economic benefits and other benefits associated with the Superfund process to the local community and particularly to underserved communities that have been impacted by contamination in Portland Harbor.
6. EPA should eliminate the confined disposal facility which would create a permanent toxic waste dump in our river.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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